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FBI Director Says U. S. Wears 'Yoke Of Infamy'

WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said the United States "wears a yoke of infamy — a yoke made of greed, hate, violence, apathy and lawlessness."

In a message in the FBI's monthly Law Enforcement Bulletin, Hoover assailed demonstrators, the courts and the apathy of many citizens for what he called a "criminalistic burden" that grows heavier from year to year.

"How is the cause of equal justice under law favored by noisy, defiant mobs yelling slogans, denying the free exercise of constitutional rights of other citizens, and turning whole communities into nightmarish jungles of looting, rioting and assault?" he asked.

"Can we seriously consider, even for a moment, that this is the precious right our forefathers referred to as a peaceable assembly to petition the government for a redress of grievances?"

Hoover said also that too many well-meaning "but misguided Americans not only support the doctrine of lawbreaking for a worthy end but also oppose penalties for violators."

In many instances, he said, the question of guilt "is obscured and lost in a maze of procrastinating technicalities and legal jousting. Many times, truth, which often exposes guilt, is only a secondary objective; the main search is for error or a technical loophole for the murderer or hoodlum."

In American Samoa more than 7,000 school children receive elementary education via television.